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## **Opportunity to Comment on the Upper North Fork Salmon River Fuels Reduction & Fire Safety Project**

Dear reviewer

The Forest Service and Salmon River Restoration Council are using a categorical exclusion for the proposed Upper North Fork Salmon River Fuels Reduction & Fire Safety Project, and we are asking you to provide comments. The proposed action may be categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation under 36 CFR 220.6(e)(6).

The purpose of this project is to reduce the risks and impacts of wildfire on private property surrounded by the Klamath National Forest, to reduce the likelihood of fires spreading from private property to National Forest lands, to help recently burned private properties recover from fire impacts and prepare them for future prescribed burning, and the restoration of a more natural fire regime. Proposal information is also available on Klamath National Forest's project webpage at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=49787>.

The project will occur in portions of Township (T) 40 North (N), Range (R) 12 West (W) sections 13, 24 and 25; T40N R11W sections 28, 29, 35, 24 and 13; T40N R10W sections 18, 19, 9, 16, 17, 20 and 21; T39N, R11W sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 3; T41N R10W sections 21, 22, 27 and 28 (Mount Diablo Meridian).

The Salmon River Restoration Council proposes to treat flammable fuels on up to 120 acres on selected private properties within high fire risk areas in the upper North Fork Salmon River watershed, in an area roughly bounded by the Little North Fork, Tanners Peak, Eddy Gulch Lookout, and Etna Summit, all within Siskiyou County, CA. Treatments include the creation of 100-200 foot defensible space zones around structures and critical infrastructure by manually removing excess flammable vegetation, limbing and thinning small diameter trees, removing snags, and clearing the ground of flammable debris. Shaded fuels breaks of up to 300 feet in width will be created by thinning small diameter understory and mid-story vegetation (ladder fuels) and by cutting and clearing ground fuels. Residue will be hand-piled and burned, scattered on the ground for prescribed fire under-burning, or chipped on site. Prescribed fire underburn treatments may be used to reduce fuel loading in selected areas. Work is expected to be completed between fall of 2016 and fall of 2018.

Comments regarding this proposal may be submitted to Ted McArthur, ATTN: Danika Carlson, Salmon/Scott River Ranger District, 11263 N. Highway 3, Fort Jones, CA 96032; by phone at (530) 468-1225; or by email to [dcarlson02@fs.fed.us](mailto:dcarlson02@fs.fed.us). Put the project name in the subject line; attachments may be in the following formats: plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc, .docx), or portable document format (.pdf). Comments may also be hand delivered weekdays (excluding holidays) 8:00am-4:30pm at the above address.



Please provide input by October 14, 2016, so that I can consider it in my decision-making process. All input received during project planning is a matter of public record; names and addresses of participants cannot be kept confidential (40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21).

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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DISTRICT RANGER